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Report of the Fifth Committee (Part III)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 114 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/52/746 and Add.1.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 60th, 61st, 64th, 65th and 68th meetings, on 11, 12, 19, 20 and 29 May 1998. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's further consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/52/SR.60, 61, 64, 65 and 68).

3. In addition to the documents listed in A/52/746/Add.1, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities

(a) Report of the Secretary-General containing revised draft guidelines for type II gratis personnel (A/52/698);

(b) Annual report of the Secretary-General on the use of gratis personnel and first quarterly report on the acceptance of type II gratis personnel (A/52/709 and Corr.1);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the phasing out of type II gratis personnel (A/52/710);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General concerning the methodology to be applied to, and the level of, administrative support costs regarding gratis personnel (A/52/823);

(e) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/52/890);

(f) Second and third quarterly reports of the Secretary-General on the acceptance of type II gratis personnel (A/C.5/52/43 and A/C.5/52/51);

Other questions

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on the Guidelines for Internal Control Standards (A/52/867);

(h) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (A/52/821).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft decision proposed by the Chairman

4. At the 60th meeting, on 11 May, the Chairman of the Committee orally proposed a draft decision, by which the General Assembly would defer consideration of the Guidelines for Internal Control Standards, pending a report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para.10, draft decision I).

B. Draft decision proposed by the Chairman

6. At the 68th meeting, on 29 May, the Chairman of the Committee orally proposed a draft decision, by which the General Assembly would defer consideration of the question of the strengthening of external oversight mechanisms to the third part of its resumed fifty-second session.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 10, draft decision II).

C. Draft decision III proposed by the Chairman

8. At the 68th meeting, on 29 May, the Chairman of the Committee orally proposed a draft decision, by which the General Assembly would defer consideration of reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to the third part of its resumed fifty-second session.

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para.10, draft decision III).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

10. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Guidelines for Internal Control Standards

The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of the question of the Guidelines for Internal Control Standards pending a report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon.

DRAFT DECISION II

Strengthening of external oversight mechanisms

The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of the question of the strengthening of external oversight mechanisms to the third part of its resumed fifty-second session.

DRAFT DECISION III

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of the following thematic reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, and related documents, to the third part of its resumed fifty-second session:

(a) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the programme and administrative practices of the secretariat of the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO[1] and the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit thereon;[2]

(b) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into alleged conflict of interest in the United Nations Centre for

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[1] A/51/933, annex.

[2] A/52/575, annex.

Human Settlements (Habitat)[3] and the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit thereon;[4]

(c) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audits of the regional commissions;[5]

(d) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of programme management in the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division;[6]

(e) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements.[7]

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[3] A/52/339, annex.

[4] A/52/339/Add.1, annex.

[5] A/52/776, annex.

[6] A/52/777, annex.

[7] A/52/821, annex.